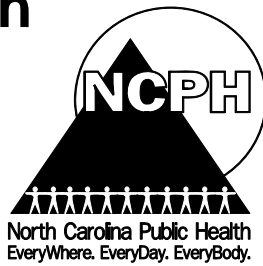


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BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES
May 6, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT

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STAFF PRESENT

Dr. C. Timothy Monroe
Ms. Cynthia Jeffries
Ms. Tommie Bowen
Mr. Bob Whitwam
Ms. Jackie Boggs
Ms. Ayo Ademoyero
Ms. Quintana Stewart
Ms. Lynne Mitchell

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Paul (Lee) Salisbury
Ms. Jane Bradner Mosko

Call to Order:

On Wednesday, May 6, 2009, the Forsyth County Board of Health held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting in the Board Room at the Forsyth County Department of Public Health. Ms. Vera Robinson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Consideration of Minutes:

The minutes of the April 1, 2009, Board of Health Meeting were reviewed by the Board. Upon motion by Dr. Calvert Jeffers, and a second by Dr. Willard McCloud, the minutes were approved by the Board of Health.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: No one asked to be recognized.

Old Business:

Accreditation Process Update:

Dr. Monroe reminded the Board that the dates for Accreditation are June 16, 17, and 18, 2009. Dr. Monroe asked to have Board representation on Thursday, June 18th, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. There will be three representatives from the Board of Health (with one alternate) to be interviewed during the

Accreditation Site Visit. These representatives will be Ms. Vera Robinson, Dr. Ricky Sides, and Dr. Calvert Jeffers, Mr. Beaufort Bailey as the alternate.

Activities related to Lead Rule:

Mr. Bob Whitwam, the Director of Environmental Health, reported on the Childhood Lead Poisoning Activities, for the month of April 2009. Copies of this report were distributed to all of the Board members. He also announced that there will be a Lead Practice Training, coming up on May 13, 2009.

Board Training Reminder– July 18, 2009:

Dr. Monroe discussed the Board's upcoming participation in the Local Board of Health Orientation Training that will be held on Saturday, July 18, 2009, in Greensboro. Several counties, along with Forsyth County, will be attending the training. ECU will be providing the training, and the time is 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The session will be held at the Health/DSS Building in Greensboro, located at 1203 Maple Street. It will cover health department and Board of Health responsibilities and authorities according to the NC General Statutes with an update on changes from the current session of the General Assembly. The training will satisfy the Board's obligation to the Consolidated Agreement for BOH Training, and selected Accreditation benchmarks. Some members of the Management Team are also planning to attend that day. Dr. Monroe stated that the Board may decide whether they wish to cancel one of their regular scheduled BOH Meetings, as a substitution for the July 18th Training Session.

Health Equity Day Report:

Dr. Monroe reported on Health Equity Day that was held on April 30th. It was a very good event and the discussions were very informative. He stated that he and the staff had been hoping for more media coverage, but did not receive it. With the reports of "Swine Flu" making national news on April 24th, the issue of health equity did not get much coverage. Dr. Monroe informed the Board that the Keynote speaker, Dr. Adewale Troutman was unable to come, and that Ms. Lynne Mitchell, the Director of Preventive Health, filled in for the keynote speaker and did an excellent job.

New Business:

Novel H1N1 Influenza Outbreak – Report:

Dr. Monroe reported that on April 24th, it was announced by the CDC that a novel strain of influenza virus (referred to as "Swine flu" or Novel H1N1) had been identified with the probable origin in Mexico. Humanto-human transmission of disease had been established early. All over the US state and local health departments mobilized to conduct thorough surveillance and implement control measures. Daily conference calls were held, and information and guidelines for testing for the virus were disseminated to health care providers. Dr. Monroe reported that now, the state is only testing people that have compatible symptoms serious enough to warrant hospitalization. The general feeling is that this is not an unusually virulent virus. Everyone is urged to practice proper hand washing. If sick with fever and respiratory symptoms, people are urged to stay home from work or school. Dr. Monroe advised the Board that a Strategic National Stockpile of pharmaceuticals had been received in the community and already distributed to health care providers if the need for large scale treatment with anti-virals should arise. He also mentioned that there may be an additional flu vaccine (in addition to the seasonal flu vaccine) for this virus in the Fall of 2009 which will probably require a booster.

Annual Report – 2008-2009:

Dr. Monroe presented his annual report to all Board members. Copies are also on file in Administration.

Annual Work Plan – 2009-2010:

Dr. Monroe presented his annual work plan to all Board members. Copies are also on file in Administration.

Health Director Annual Evaluation:

The Board is presently working on the Health Director's Annual Evaluation. Evaluations will be sent out next week to the County Manager, and other Department Heads. Ms. Linda Petrou and Dr. Kent Doub are on the committee this year, and will be responsible for collecting all of the evaluations that are returned to the department.

Other Business:

The Annual Rabies Clinic was held on April 25, 2009, at the Dixie Classic Fairgrounds. It was reported that there were 775 rabies vaccines administered that day, which is a record.

It was announced that May 6th through May 10th is National Nurses Week. Ms. Vera Robinson and the entire board asked the Nursing Director, Ms. Jackie Boggs to inform her staff that they were very appreciative of what they do for the community.

Committee Reports:

None at this time

Adjourn:

Ms. Linda Petrou made a motion to adjourn, and Dr. James (Kent) Doub seconded the motion. By majority vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Sincerely,

Dr. C. Timothy Monroe
Secretary to the Board

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